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Applicant: Li, et al.

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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 22, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire June 22, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believe that only excess claim fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

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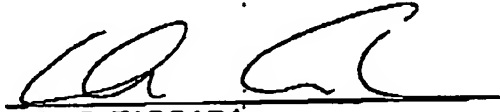
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If the Examiner believes that any unresolved issues still exist, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Keith Taboada at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,


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